

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMERCE AND WORKFORCE SERVICES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**
Room 110, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex
January 31, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Jon Greiner, Co-Chairman
Rep. Michael Morley, Co-Chairman
Sen. Mark Madsen
Sen. Ed Mayne
Sen. Wayne Niederhauser
Rep. Sylvia Andersen
Rep. Jim Dunnigan
Rep. Craig Frank
Rep. Lynn Hemingway
Rep. Mark Wheatley
Rep. Larry Wiley

STAFF PRESENT: Stan Eckersley, Fiscal Analyst
Karen Mitchell, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of handouts and visitors lists will be filed with committee minutes.

Co-Chair Sen. Greiner called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Hemingway moved to approve the minutes of January 29, 2007. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Madsen, Rep. Dunnigan, and Rep. Wiley were absent for the vote.

Stan Eckersley, Fiscal Analyst, presented the Issue Brief - Items for Final Vote.

Alcoholic Beverage Control

MOTION: Rep. Morley moved to change the amount for O & M for New Stores to \$89,000. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dunnigan and Rep. Wiley absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to accept the reduction to the fee schedule to the amount of \$1,800,000. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dunnigan absent for the vote.

Department of Commerce

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to add, \$37,000 from the Commerce Service Fund to Commerce for the Pete Suazo Athletic Commission for a half time person and approve Electric Transaction Fees, Appropriation and Intent Statement.

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Francine Giani spoke to the motion regarding the Pete Suazo Commission.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to accept the Commerce Budget as shown in the Issue Brief. The motion was withdrawn.

The Committee voted on the original motion by Sen. Mayne. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dunnigan absent for the vote.

Financial Institutions

MOTION: Rep. Morley moved to remove the \$13,600 one day adjustment from the Financial Institutions budget. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dunnigan absent for the vote.

Insurance Department

MOTION: Rep. Dunnigan moved to accept the Committee recommendation including the Intent Language and Electronic Transaction Fees for the Insurance Department. The motion passed unanimously.

Labor Commission and Public Service Commission

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to accept the Analysts recommendations for the Labor Commission and Public Service Commission including intent language and fees. The motion passed unanimously.

Workforce Services

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to accept ongoing General Fund of \$3,000,000 for General Assistance and \$3,500,000 of ongoing General Fund for Child Care.

Tani Downing, Executive Director of Workforce Services and Lynette Rasmussen, Director of Child Care, spoke to the motion.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Dunnigan moved to accept \$3,833,900 for Child Care. The motion failed with Sen. Mayne, Rep. Andersen, Rep. Hemingway, Rep. Wheatley, and Rep. Wiley voting for the motion with Sen. Niederhauser absent from the vote, and Sen. Madsen, Sen. Greiner, Rep. Frank and Rep. Morley voting against. The motion failed in the Senate.

MOTION: Voting returned to the original motion. The motion passed with Rep. Dunnigan voting against the motion. Sen. Niederhauser was absent from the vote.

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MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to accept \$2,000,000 in one time General Fund for General Assistance, and \$3,244,000 one time General Fund for e-REP. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to accept \$100,000 for the State Refugee Initiative.

Tani Downing responded to the committee regarding the refugee initiative.

The motion failed with Rep. Andersen, Rep. Hemingway, and Rep. Wheatley voting for the motion with Sen. Madsen, Sen. Greiner, Rep. Dunnigan, Rep. Frank and Rep. Morley voting against and Sen. Niederhauser and Rep. Wiley absent from the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to remove funding for TANF Reauthorization Participation. The motion passed with Sen. Niederhauser and Rep. Wiley absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Morley moved that Workforce Services Department propose a staged approach to Child Care Assistance and report back to the committee in the interim. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Niederhauser and Rep. Wiley absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Morley moved to adopt as final all of the committee actions. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Hemingway moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Greiner adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

Sen. Jon Greiner, Co-Chair

Rep. Michael Morley, Co-Chair